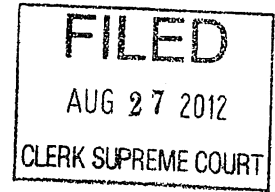


In the Supreme Court of Iowa



**Request for Public Comment)
Regarding Amendments to)
Chapters 6 and 21 of the Iowa)
Court Rules)**

Order

During its 2012 administrative term, the supreme court has reviewed the Rules of Appellate Procedure contained in Chapter 6 of the Iowa Court Rules and the Organization and Procedures of Appellate Courts contained Chapter 21 of the Iowa Court Rules. After careful consideration, the court is proposing to amend certain provisions of the Rules of Appellate Procedure and completely rewrite the rules governing the Organization and Procedures of Appellate Courts. Attached to this order are the proposed amendments and rewrite.

The proposed changes to the appellate rules include:

1. Putting the burden on the filer to ensure the filer protects confidential information.
2. In termination-of-parental-rights and child-in-need-of-assistance cases, expanding the page limits for petitions and responses.
3. Stating that if a party files a notice of appeal and the court deems the appeal interlocutory, the court will not refund any part of the filing fee.
4. Clarifying the procedure a party must follow to file a statement of evidence.
5. Clarifying the acceptable fonts and size a party may use in a brief.
6. Setting forth the requirements an attorney must comply with when filing a motion to withdraw under rule 6.1005.
7. Restating the circumstances when the supreme court will grant further review.

8. Stating the requirements and form of the application a party must use when requesting further review.

The court has also proposed a rewrite to rules governing the Organization and Procedures of Appellate Courts in order to reflect the present operating procedures of the appellate courts. These rules are self-explanatory.

The supreme court seeks public comment on the proposed rule changes prior to taking further action on them. Copies of the proposed rule changes can be found at www.iowacourts.gov/Supreme_Court/Orders/. In addition, copies are available at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number (for example, Rule 6.110(4)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments are directed. Comments sent by e-mail must be e-mailed to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state **"appellate rules"** in the subject line of the e-mail, and must be sent **as an attachment to the e-mail in Microsoft Word format**. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319. **The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on October 26, 2012.**

Dated this 27th day of August, 2012.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

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